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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment, and concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE), is provided in lieu of an Appeal Brief in the above-referenced patent application. The RCE and Amendment are due on February 23, 2008, with a two month extension of time, which is four months after filing of the Notice of Appeal in this application. A Petition for a two month extension of time is provided on page 2 of this paper.

**A Listing of Claims** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.